

Referring to Fried, column 5, lines 35-53 disclose that the network indicates a following control message with a control flag. Fried does not disclose calculating the time used for receiving the new cell's system information, and does not disclose such a calculation using the system length information.

Crichton discloses measuring a time period during which received signal parameters are a threshold value for each neighbor cell (column 3 lines 37-50, Figures 6-8). Crichton does not disclose using system length information to calculate the time used for receiving the new cell's system information.

The present Office Action appears to misinterpret Crichton in that the present invention defines the time needed to receive the system information, whereas Crichton refers to a time corresponding to how long received signal parameters are above the respective threshold value.

It appears that the present Office Action quotes the references by taking some isolated portions out of context. In the present and previous responses, Applicants have explained the context of each reference and why each of them do not disclose the features of Applicants claims the way the Examiner suggests.

Because the combination of Fried and Crichton et al. fails to teach or suggest all the features of claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Fried and Crichton et al. fails to render claim 1 unpatentable.

Furthermore, Applicants' have not improperly attacked the references individually. On page 3 of the response filed on August 6, 2002, Applicants point out how Fried fails to disclose or suggest the features of Applicants invention and then how Crichton, "like Fried," fails to disclose the same features.

Applicants then state "Because the combination of Fried and Crichton et al. fails to teach or suggest all the features of claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over the cited art." If the references alone do not contain the building blocks of the invention, then surely they do not contain them as a combination. Thus, Applicants have properly shown that claim 1 is patentable over the combination of Fried and Crichton.

At least for these reasons, claim 1 is patentable over the cited art.

Claim 13 is an apparatus claim directed to similar subject matter and therefore is also patentable over the cited art.

Claims 2-12 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and therefore are also patentable over the combination of Fried and Crichton et al.

Claim 14 is directed to a network part of a cellular network including means for sending system information of a cell, and means for placing information indicating the system information length into a part of the system information.

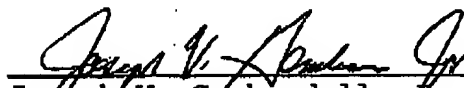
There is no disclosure in either of the cited references related to placing information indicating the system information length into a part of the system information. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Fried and Crichton et al. fails to render claim 14 obvious.

Claim 15 depends from claim 14 and therefore is patentable over the combination of Fried and Crichton et al.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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